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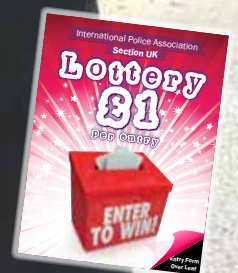


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Working on your behalf

Welcome to the latest edition of **Police World** which I hope you will find informative and a reflection of the variety of activity on offer throughout the UK and internationally. As always feedback is important to us so please let us know your views.



A VIBRANT IPA is what we as members aspire to achieve for our Association.

In our endeavour's to succeed it is vitally important that the IPA activity we choose to undertake, be that as a participant on an event, office holder or on the professional exchange

programme for example, reflects the activity you as members want in the first place. I therefore urge you to communicate any ideas or thoughts to your committees and assist where you can.

To enable this success, we need members to then support the activity that National, Regional and Branch Committees are putting together for 2015 and beyond. This will help identify the IPA

as a happening association and deliver rewards for those who participate and recruit others who have the sudden realisation of the benefits of becoming a member.

For those of us who have been members for a considerable time there has been recent change but I see that as a positive. The challenge is not to stand still but keep growing and not rest, with the aim of adapting to whatever is put in front so that all members feel the full benefit of IPA membership. I truly value your continued membership in the Association and will do all I can to ensure it meets your requirements.

A very warm welcome to all the new members who joined us in 2014. I sincerely appreciate the fact that you have selected our association to join and urge you to become involved, taking any opportunity you can to enjoy what the IPA has to offer, which

is vast, and covers a whole multitude of potential activity for all ages.

I am passionate in my quest to try and deliver our recently refreshed mission statement to you during my tenure as President and keep us vibrant for many years ahead as highlighted in the 'working on your behalf' article which details some of the plans already in place.

Lastly on behalf of all the NEC and staff at headquarters can I wish you a happy and prosperous 2015 and look forward to engaging with as many of you as I can on our journey to keep Section UK at the forefront of the IPA family.

Best wishes and have fun.

Mick Luke, President

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Some topics remitted for wider debate. What do you think?

'That a graduated membership fee be offered, the first year free, the second at half price and the third and thereafter at full price for new members'

Activity, Activity

The first meeting of Regional Chairs for many years, outside of the National Council Meeting (NCM), took place in Nottingham on 2 November 2014; its purpose – to allow Chairs increased ownership over national strategy and to acknowledge the importance of their role as drivers of activity throughout their own Region.

The main theme of the meeting was 'Activity, Activity and more Activity for 2015 and Beyond' and Mick Luke, National President, who chaired the meeting, stressed the importance of events being organised at a national, regional and branch level across the three strands of Social, Cultural and Professional, as well as events with an international flavour. All events need to be publicised well in advance and reported on to showcase activity to all. See 'web events' for a full listing of all events organised or planned to date: www.ipa-uk.org/Event-Catalog

Recruitment and Retention information was provided and there was a review on recent initiatives to boost membership figures, such as the Free membership offer in 2014; improvements to marketing materials; broadening of the 'IPA product' for example - International Learning and Development Exchange Programme; prizes and travel opportunities being offered to members; new membership discounts; developing the role of the branch Publicity Officer and the potential merging of branches. These were seen as progressive objectives which would be continued to develop further.

The Chairs made and supported several proposals on the National Strategy during the day; these included a

'That we offer membership to wider groups of people, eg Yeoman Warders, Military police, PCC's and staff, Serious Crime Agency etc.'

'That longer serving members receive some financial incentive to renew, eg reduce annual subscription.'

proposal to assign responsibility for the organisation of the National Council Meeting to the National Executive Committee (NEC) from 2017; that the NCM should be held in June and motions should be submitted at least 56 days before hand (a caveat being where cost was prohibitive for June the NCM would revert to May).

Chairs supported the allocation of 1,950 free membership places in 2015. The Chairs agreed to a debate in their Regions as to whether a graduated membership fee be offered (See 'what do you think') and agreed to present ideas on how to refresh the recruitment/retention strategy, particularly in relation to focusing specific categories of membership and/or particular market areas.

They supported further investment in the development of the website and memberbase in order to support the secretaries in their role.

The Chairs recognised the importance to maintain Section UK's profile as the IPA's founding Section and supported plans to organise international events. They supported proposals that needed to go before the World Congress in 2015 in order to host future international events such as the International Youth Gathering in 2018, the International Young Officers' Seminar in 2019, and the World Congress in 2025. A general discussion on succession planning resulted in agreement that members should be identified and nurtured from the point of enrolment through 'an IPA career'.

The Regional Secretaries held a meeting on the same day. The general consensus of the day was holding a meeting of both Secretaries and Chairs helped mobilise commitment to change because both groups now have an input to the diagnosis of the current difficulties facing the IPA, and share in the solutions. They were revitalised and empowered to act on many issues, such as dealing directly with inactive branches, as is their right as Regional Executive members.



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Question: Exchange or Internship?

A question that has been asked, more than once, since the International Learning and Development Exchange Programme [ILDEP] started a year ago, has been 'When is an exchange an exchange?' Iain Sirrell discusses this question and endeavours to shed some light on this subject.

In recent years Section UK has received requests for officers to attend 'internships', but an internship is defined as 'a practical experience for beginners in an occupation or profession' and whilst this is a laudable endeavour, it is not an exchange.

ILDEP has been devised as an exchange: of ideas; of practices; of policy; of understanding, but most importantly of experiences. Those applying to take part are expected to have a level of experience and understanding to make an exchange an effective two-way process, one where the host and visitor both benefit.

Clear aims and objectives are created to ensure the applicant gets the absolute most from the exchange and it is something far more than a 'ride-along'; more focussed, more tuned and bespoke.

Earlier this year, Wayne Campbell from Region 2 was quick to respond to such a request from Agnieszka Kwiatkowska, an officer from Poland. Details of her request were released to Regional representatives and circulated wider, which is when Wayne became aware and saw an opportunity for personal and organisational development.

Wayne is an experienced detective, working in a Serious Crime directorate and wanted to take advantage of the ILDEP framework and gain an understanding of the Polish people. There had been a dramatic increase in the Polish community in Northern Ireland, which had also seen an increase in recorded hate crime against the community, but also an influence of major crime by organised crime groups. He had the policing experience, but as he had not long been a member of the IPA he did not think he would get the opportunity - but he did.

When devised, the focus of the programme was for one officer to visit another country and develop their interest, without a reciprocal arrangement, but the flexibility within the programme enabled this proposed 'swap' exchange to go ahead. Wayne was first to go and he arrived in Poland on a bright, very warm Monday and the following two weeks were filled with interesting visits and cultural events. One thing that has been of great use, was understanding the cultural view held by the people of Poland about their Police, which went

some way to explain why a Polish national arrested in Northern Ireland behaved and reacted to certain procedures here.

After a scorching fortnight in Poland, Agnieszka landed at Dublin Airport to typical torrential Bank Holiday weather. Thankfully the rain then left and did not dampen another day in her fortnight, during which there were many highlights, including meetings with the Mayor of Belfast and the Honorary Polish Consul and a visit to Stormont.



Iain Sirrell and Thomas Gruber

“ exchange [iks-cheynj] noun

something that is given or received in exchange or substitution for something else

Agnieszka is a trained lawyer and she wanted an opportunity to see how the prosecution process operated and was able to discuss this at length with the Assistant Director for Public Prosecutions. She was also able to experience some traditional Irish culture and certainly 'had the craic'.

Requests received by Section UK for exchanges here, often request the opportunity to work in London, but it is recognised that other parts of the country offer opportunity for learning and development and a chance to see good practice and as such efforts are made to place officers in the most suitable place to meet their aims and objectives.

One such request arrived from Thomas Gruber, who, as a member of a riot team based in Koblenz (NW Germany), was eager to understand how public order control was practised in the

UK and wanted to see the Met Police approach. However, wanting to give him a comparable experience he was placed in North Yorkshire, which was similar to his policing area, and a bespoke itinerary was created for his two-week visit.

His visit was arranged around all aspects of public order and he was able to see how calls were recorded and dispatched in the Force Control Room, before

moving on to Night Time Economy patrols. These patrols included the policing of Stag and Hen nights, something quite alien to him. He was able to work alongside colleagues during the policing of the Ebor Race meeting, a premier event in York Racecourse calendar and that of the racing community, with crowds in excess of 40,000. Thomas was at first intrigued by the relatively small scale policing operation, compared to his Force response to similar situations, and just how effective it was.

Thomas also got the chance to work with the dog section and see how they trained for public order events; the mounted section response and techniques; and even saw first hand the power of helicopters in monitoring crowds, before getting involved in a dramatic moor search and rescue. He finished his visit by combining it with a two-week advanced language course, just to ensure he got the most learning out of his stay possible.



Thomas Gruber meets Ken McIntosh

effective places to stay. Annual Leave should be discussed at work, as it has been known for part of the time to be shown as duty time, but only if a clear link can be shown between the visit and future operational improvement.

This year, the first year, nine IPA members have benefited from the programme. In 2015, we have already secured four exchanges via the programme and an additional three are currently being processed. Next year officers will visit America and Germany, with hopes that we will be able to support the other requests and forge links with South Africa, Sweden and France.

If you are still considering it, but are not sure, just make contact and your questions will be answered. After that think about an area you want to develop in and do a little research to see where you would want to go. Then complete the application form, which is on the website and send it in. It is that simple.

Find out more by visiting:

www.ipa-uk.org/ILDEP

Iain Sirrell, ILDEP co-ordinator

Three topics that always raise questions when ILDEP is discussed are cost, accommodation and annual leave. Essentially, these are all negotiable by the applicant and Section UK has no influence over these. Travel costs are down to you and advance planning can help in keeping the transport costs low, although Regional Treasurers may be able to offer some support. Accommodation is best discussed with the contact at the location you are visiting, as support from other members is often available in the form of either direct accommodation, or knowledge about the most cost



Agnieszka Kwiatkowska meets the Chief Constable George Hamilton and the Chair of the Policing Board Anne Connolly



Wayne Campbell, Maire Hendron, Deputy Mayor of Belfast, Agnieszka Kwiatkowska and Nichola Mallon, Mayor of Belfast

From Up in the Sky...

Fifty members of Kent branch enjoyed a perfect sightseeing day, visiting The Shard, London. The action didn't stop there as they also made time for 'A Medway Mosaic' trip - a Blue Badge guided tour of the Hoo Peninsular. Mick Abbott, Kent branch's Social Secretary reports.

Our day started well as we were also able to get a glimpse of the early display of the Remembrance Day poppies as we passed the Tower of London. Thanks to our driver, Bruce, for agreeing to take us that way.

The weather was bright and sunny so the views from the top of the Shard and across London and beyond were as good as we could have wished for.

For lunch we went to The Sir John Falstaff pub, between Gravesend and Rochester. The pub is a stone's throw from Charles Dickens' house, Gads Hill Place, which is now a school.

Our guide, Dawn, met us at the pub and we set off for a tour of The Hoo Peninsula, on the Isle of Grain. The Hoo Peninsula separates the estuaries of the rivers Thames and Medway. Dawn pointed out many places and items of interest in the region including St James Church in Cooling - which although de-consecrated, is recognised as a 'museum' church.

Charles Dickens used the churchyard of St James as his inspiration in the opening chapter of *Great Expectations*, where the hero, Pip, meets Magwitch the convict. The

site, with marshes stretching north to the Thames estuary, is dramatically desolate and bleak in winter. Here, you can find what have become known as 'Pip's Graves' - the forlorn gravestones of 13 babies that Dickens describes in the chapter as "*little stone lozenges each about a foot and a half long, which were arranged in a neat row beside their parents' graves.*"

Our last visit on this fascinating trip was to Rochester Cathedral and High Street. Dawn gave us a guided tour of the Cathedral, England's second oldest, having been founded in 604AD by Bishop Justus.

The glorious Norman architecture of the nave, parts of the crypt, as well as one of the finest Romanesque façades in England, make this an inspirational place to visit.

After a very successful and enjoyable day members then took a well-earned 'cuppa' in one of the quaint high street cafes, before returning to Maidstone.

Mick Abbott

Thames



Enjoying views from the Shard building

Editor's note:

Mick is quite happy for members to contact him if they want more information on this trip and the guide service used.

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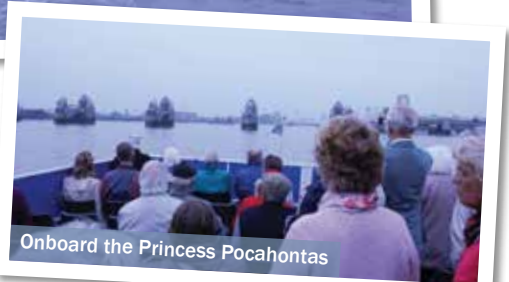
Kent Branch's social activities continued aboard the MV Princess Pocahontas. Members took a boat trip on the Thames from Gravesend to Chelsea and back. The Pocahontas, as she is known locally, is operated by The Lower Thames and Medway Passenger Boat Company.

On the outward journey, the captain delivered a continuous commentary on all the sights and sites. We reached Greenwich and some of our passengers opted for the two and a half hour stop off to sample the local market, restaurants and pubs there. Others took the chance to visit the Cutty Sark. The branch visited this

magnificent attraction last year on a social event that concentrated on the Greenwich area.

Back aboard Pocahontas, the captain resumed his narration. We went under Tower Bridge, which was an amazing sight at water level. We passed under London Bridge and enjoyed views of The Globe Theatre, St Paul's Cathedral, the Millennium Wheel, the Houses of Parliament and Battersea Power Station.

The length of the trip is dependent on the tide. On the day, we were lucky and timed it perfectly - making it all the way to Chelsea.



Onboard the Princess Pocahontas

It was a day with a difference, seeing parts of our lovely county, and our wonderful capital city, from the River Thames.

Mick Abbott

Magical Moments

Roy Edwards and Paul Owen, from the Section UK Motorcycling Group, report on the Group's adventures in North Wales and Cumbria.

North Wales:

We arrived from all parts of the country and for Graham Fulton and Stuart Blaikie the journey had been a long one from over the border in Scotland. Now that is dedication! Other members came from all points of the compass, some were accompanied by their partners on pillion.

Plans for the trip had been started earlier in the year by the Group's Secretary, Mick Marlow, who came up with the idea, sourced the location and booked accommodation. He then co-opted the services of Paul Firth, who has lived and worked in the area for 25 years.

Paul, is a keen motorcyclist and someone very familiar with the best and most suitable roads for motorcycles. For the uninitiated that means roads with lots of bends, great views and more wiggly bits. He put in a great deal of work to create two absolutely stunning rides out for Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday greeted us with a beautiful sunny morning and we were joined by members of the group who had come along just for the day. After a short briefing by Paul and Mick we set off on what turned out to be a fantastic ride round north Wales and part of the Snowdonia Park.

Morning coffee was taken at the Lynn Brenning Lake visitors centre followed by lunch in Beddgelert. Beddgelert is a pretty little village and we had an hour or so to wander round, take a picture or two, relax and in some cases enjoy a cooling ice cream. We also discovered a plaque in the village stating that some scenes for the 1958 film 'The Inn of the Sixth Happiness', starring Ingrid Bergman, had been filmed in the area.

In the afternoon we headed off via the spectacular Horseshoe Pass where we stopped for a 'photo opportunity'. What an amazing view! We then continued to the town of Llangollen and enjoyed a stroll around the town. From there we returned to the hotel having covered around 160 miles of the most beautiful Welsh countryside.

Sunday, our numbers were slightly depleted as a few had to return home for work and having long distances to cover. The remainder of us split into two groups, one, led again by Paul went via the 'Marches' region to Powys - then on to Llangollen via Llanfyllin. Tea and tiffin at Paul's house was then on the menu.

The other group set

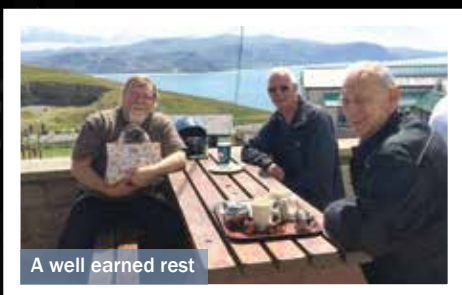
off to Llandudno and enjoyed a trip up the Great Orme on the cable car - followed by the best ice cream ever, in 'Happy Valley', overlooking the pier and the sea. A perfect end to a perfect weekend for all concerned.

At dinner that evening Mick held an impromptu general knowledge quiz at the table giving Phil Goodwin the opportunity to reveal his superior knowledge on all things irrelevant.

A huge vote of thanks go to Mick and Paul for making it such a great weekend, the staff at the hotel were brilliant and a special thank you to everyone who turned up and made the weekend the success it was.

I think we all made some new friends and all came away the better for it.

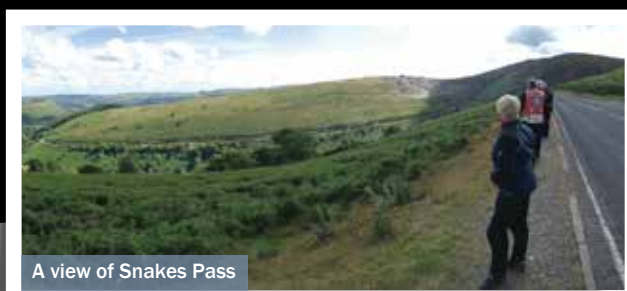
Roy Edwards, Motorcycle Group



A well earned rest



Lake Windermere



A view of Snakes Pass

Cumbria: Having just retired, and wishing to make the most of my new-found freedom, with plenty of time for bike-riding of course, I decided to join the IPA Motorcycle Group. The first trip I was able to go on was to Carlisle - a tour around the Lake District.

The roads had been planned with masterly care by Stewart Blaikie and Sally McMillan. I was extremely impressed with the absolutely fantastic scenery of the lakes and mountains. The roads were challenging to say the least, at times there was a lot more grass than tarmac. The route took us over Hardknott pass which is definitely the most challenging pass I have done in all my travels, both in Europe and Asia, on a motorbike. On the approach towards the pass there were more signs and road side furniture than I had seen for many years. The overwhelming message was it is very steep, very slippery - and are you sure you really want to do this?

I rose to the challenge, as a new group member, to see if I was up to this type of riding. Given I had the most suitable bike for the task, as other

people had larger bikes with pillion, I should have had little to worry about. In fact owing to the skill of the other riders they made it look rather easy. I was particularly impressed with Mick Marlow on his Yamaha, as despite grounding it on most corners, he was going at a good pace and as we used to say, 'making good progress'.

We rode to Lake Windermere where again I was impressed by the powers of the Group's committee - as well as ordering fantastic weather and scenery they had also arranged for a flyover of two military helicopters - including a Chinook.

More eventful moments added to the trip, as well as the hazards faced by the roads themselves, were suicidal sheep and a man wearing the tightest white shorts I've ever seen - which caused some swerving and head shakes from a number of riders.

The trip was excellent with some great conversations and excellent riding. I'm definitely looking forward to the next one...

Paul Owen, Warwickshire and Coventry branch

Notes

Details of future trips can be found at: www.ipa-uk.org/Event-Catalog

"Go on, give us a try, you know you want to!"

Jubilant Celebrations

Loreen Glenn and Kevin Silver were the two members selected to represent IPA Section UK at Polish Police 95th Jubilee Celebrations. Read their reports below as they describe their remarkable experience.

Upon arrival Loreen was still getting over the surprise of her selection. She said, *"If anyone told me a year ago I would have the chance to take part in the Polish Police 95th Jubilee Commemoration Celebrations I would never have believed them. This is something which is only possible through the IPA."*

Loreen and Kevin were picked up by representatives of the Polish IPA and taken to their accommodation at the local university.

Loreen said, *"As I opened the door to my room the first thing I noticed was the bed, which looked akin to a slab of brick. How was I ever going to get a decent night's sleep on that? Little did I know that I was never going to sleep better - as such an action packed itinerary lay ahead."*

The remainder of that day was spent settling in and meeting the other IPA representatives. Loreen and Kevin met and bonded immediately. Kevin added, *"I gather there were 78 officers from 35 countries all chatting, eating and drinking together like old friends. When I met my fellow UK colleague, Loreen, it felt like I had known her for years."*

The next day we travelled to the Copernicus Science Centre. This is a science museum situated in Warsaw which enables visitors to discover the laws of science through interactive exhibits. From here the representatives travelled into Warsaw Old Town. Loreen commented on the town centre, which was largely destroyed during the Second World War, in saying, *"Seeing the town now with its cobbled streets and colourful picturesque buildings it was hard to ever imagine that this was a city once in ruins."*

After lunch they travelled onwards to the Royal Summer Palace situated in Wilanów. The interior according to Loreen and Kevin was spectacular and surrounding gardens were stunning to stroll through.

The following day they travelled into the village of Płońsk for the Regional Police Day. It was 30 degrees and they were in full uniform but this did not deter them from having a great time. The Mayor of Płońsk delivered a speech following which entertainment was provided by students attached to the local school of music. Afterwards they paraded through the centre of Płońsk where the locals lined the streets. From here they were taken to a hotel in the countryside where a grand feast awaited them. Loreen was amazed at the treatment they received, *"It was over and above what was ever expected. There was unlimited food and drink and entertainment was provided throughout the entire evening - there were dancers, singers, off road tank runs and even police helicopter landings. I just could not believe that this was all for us! It touched me how friendly and hospitable the Polish people were. Kevin added, "I was amazed to see even more food being cooked to order on the barbecues. As the night moved on we were given gifts by our hosts with each country being handed an impressive memento of their visit to Poland in the form of a display piece showing the 95th Police Jubilee celebration."*

On the final day the ceremony of the Polish Police Foundation 95th Jubilee Celebrations took place in the Old Town, Warsaw. The morning was spent in full uniform at the Warsaw University Auditorium where the Minister and Chief Commandant of the Polish Police delivered speeches. This was followed by entertainment provided by classical artists.

The IPA representatives then paraded

through the streets into the Pilsudski Square where the main part of the Jubilee celebrations took place. Loreen described the scene in saying, *"Hundreds of police officers paraded through the town with locals, holidaymakers and tourists alike cheering and waving at us. It was great to watch the ceremony take place with some of the Polish officers being officially sworn in and others being presented with awards for good police work."*

That evening a gala dinner took place - a lavish occasion hosted by the Chief Commandant. Loreen and Kevin described it as the perfect ending to their experience. Kevin said, *"During the evening we had a further chance to give gifts to our hosts and the Section Poland President in order to express our gratitude."*

Loreen summed up her experience, *"It was with a heavy heart that we all said goodbye the following day. I never dreamt that I would get the chance to meet so many retired and serving officers from around the world and hear about their experiences, their culture, and their police forces. The people were amazing, the experience was incredible and I will never forget it."* Kevin added, *"This had been a wonderful few days and I would say to anyone considering joining the IPA or being given the chance to attend a function or event to go for it as I know it's one of the best things I have done and I certainly hope to attend more IPA functions and events in the future."*

Loreen and Kevin want to thank all the wonderful people they met and especially those who worked tirelessly to organise such an amazing event from start to finish - and of course Section UK for giving them the opportunity to attend.



With the Mayor of Płońsk





Kevin Silver and Loreen Glenn with the trophy



Preparing for parade



Making new friends



In full uniform



A message from all the representatives





Photo top: New friends enjoying the moment
Photo below: International representatives gather at the Arc de Triomphe



IYG FRANCE 2014

Lauren Williams and Grace Whittham were the lucky two candidates selected to be Section UK representatives at the 2014 International Youth Gathering which took place in France.

One of the best experiences of my life! That was the response from Lauren. On her return home she wrote to thank Section UK for the opportunity, "I would like to say a huge thank you to all the helpers, organisers, sponsors and everyone involved who gave up their spare time to entertain 64 youths for two weeks. I will never forget my time in Paris. I am grateful to everyone who helped make the experience unforgettable."

Fellow Section UK representative Grace Whittham told Police World, "The whole experience was so wonderful I just wish we could be back there experiencing it all again."

Both girls were initially apprehensive about the travel and meeting so many new people for the first time - but organisers had made plans to alleviate these feelings.

In her letter, Lauren said, "This was the first time that I had flown alone and only the second time I had been on a plane so I was nervous. I was greeted in Paris by two friendly IPA ladies, a Parisian youth and ultimately the 63 other international participants. We then were all introduced to the rest of the team who would be looking after us."

Grace said, "Following selection, I was invited to join a closed Facebook group for all IYG participants so, after 3 months of messaging, meeting 65 strangers from all around the world wasn't as daunting as it might have been."

In the following two days the girls visited the Eiffel Tower, Napoleon's Tomb, and Guédolon. Grace added, "We bonded and really became good friends so by the time it came to the TGV train ride down to Besancon, everyone had found a group of friends."

Lauren then explained that the best part of the trip

for her was staying in Besancon because the days out were such fun. Almost every evening there was a 'soiree clé USB' where each participant took it in turn to give a presentation on themselves and their country.

She said, "I found it really interesting watching these presentations as it really made me realise how different we all were from each other."

Grace explained that her personal highlight was 'Paris by Night' where the group went for a two hour cycle around the city after dark. She said, "Having experienced how busy the Champs Elysées was during the day, the prospect of cycling up it was frankly terrifying but it proved to be exhilarating!"

The itinerary included visiting the historic Citadel and Chateau, a relaxing river trip, a magical cave excursion and a tour of the Peugeot factory watching robots assemble the cars.

The most moving occasion was on the penultimate evening. The participants, wearing blue IPA France shirts and red caps, were privileged to be part of the ceremony to light the flame to honour the fallen at the Arc de Triomphe. The Gendarme had stopped the traffic to enable the parade to march up the Champs Elysées.

Lauren said, "This was a proud day for all the individuals as it made us all feel like we were an important part of the ceremony."

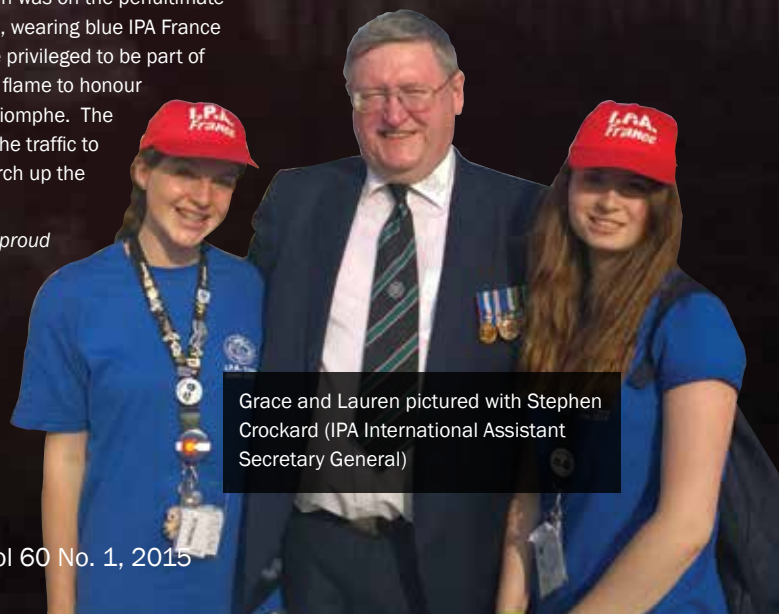
Grace added, "The memory of this experience is one I will always cherish."

The last full day in Paris was the Disneyland Paris trip and everyone enjoyed the day in the bright sunshine with their friends.

Grace concluded in saying, "The friends which I made in Paris will continue to be my friends and I know this because in my opinion, nobody can live, eat, drink, sleep and breathe with that many people and not remember them. The experiences I shared with the others were astounding and I will never forget them."

I can now happily say that I have close friends in France, Spain, Germany, Norway, America, Ireland, New Zealand, Australia and Switzerland to mention a few. Thank you IPA!"

For Lauren the IYG continues as she regularly 'Skypes' her new friends as well as exchanging messages on Facebook.



Grace and Lauren pictured with Stephen Crockard (IPA International Assistant Secretary General)



The Tower of London

Leicestershire *Remembers*

Leicestershire branch members joined 5 million other visitors who were fortunate to time their trip to London and the Tower whilst the art installation 'Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red' was in full bloom.

Over 888,000 ceramic poppies, created by Paul Cummins and Tom Piper, filled the Tower of London's famous moat - with each poppy representing a British military fatality during the conflict. This spectacular display, designed to mark one hundred years since the first full day of Britain's involvement in the First World War, encircled the tower creating a powerful image of commemoration.

One of the poppies has been purchased by Leicestershire branch for display in the front foyer of Leicestershire Police Headquarters.

Our tour of the Tower took place during the evening. We were welcomed by members from the Yeoman Warders who took us around the grounds of the Tower and pointed out all the historical points of interest. They revelled in retelling all the associated tales - particularly the executions of the monarchs down the ages and the murder of the two princes in the Tower. Some reference was made, of course, to Richard III - whose remains were found under a car park in Leicester.

At 10 pm we were honoured to be allowed a close up view of the ceremony of 'The Keys'. This age old ceremony dates back 800 years and the locking of the Tower has not been missed on any occasion during that time. Not even during any of the first and second world wars. On one night, during the Second World War, the ceremony was interrupted for 25 minutes, which I think we can excuse, due to bombs landing within the grounds.

In keeping with tradition, the King had to be informed of the delay and in his letter to the warders he said, 'Don't let it happen again!'

During our visit we were allowed to use the Yeoman Warders Club where we were treated to a hot meal and refreshments.

On leaving the Tower, we were able to see beautiful views of the city, including Tower Bridge and the Shard, all lit up. We were lucky enough to enjoy many other wonderful sights of London during our day - including the London Eye, The Houses of Parliament, the modern architecture of the modern buildings which have become known as the Gherkin, the Cheese Grater and the Shard.

It was a wonderful experience and memories of the ceremony and the poppies will remain with us for ever. Our thanks go to the Yeoman Warders for allowing us this opportunity; a presentation was made on behalf of Leicestershire branch, by Chair Clive Wood, to them.

To see more images of the 'Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red' installation visit: <http://poppies.hrp.org.uk/about-the-installation>

Fred Rankin, Leicestershire branch

For information on visiting London go to : www.ipa-uk.org/Travel-Accomm/Visiting-London



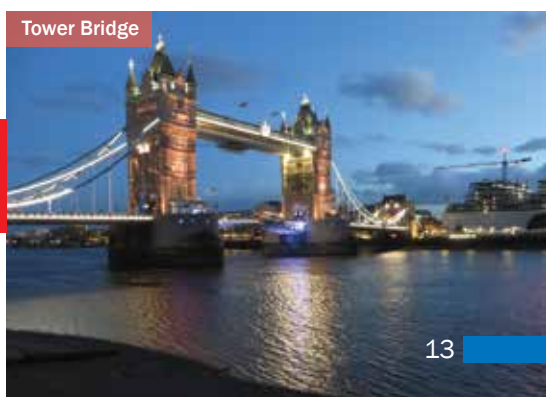
Yeoman Warders with the ceramic poppies



A view of the art installation



The London Eye



Tower Bridge

The IPA Experience is Big in Japan

Harvey Whittam, from Thames Valley branch, and his twelve year son Angus travelled around the Far East during the summer, spending a week in Japan.

Based in Kyoto - the old capital city of Japan, and in possession of a seven day rail pass, Harvey and Angus caught bullet trains to Hiroshima and Tokyo. Once there, Harvey's initial problem was what to do with a boy who had already been 'temped out' in Indo-China. First thoughts centred on trying out martial art, visiting a sumo stable or maybe a Japanese football stadium. What they ended up doing turned out to be infinitely better.

Harvey and Angus chose to seek assistance from Section Japan to get some hands-on experience of Japanese culture.

Father and son met with IPA Kyoto branch members, Koji Oshiman and Goro Kawamura, together with two members from Section Norway. Their first taste of culture was at the Fushimi Inari shrine - one of the most stunning and significant shrines in the whole of Japan.

The next stop was even more beautiful - the golden pavilion which is now a Zen Buddhist temple called the Kinkaku-ji temple. Fortunately, it was not busy as an hour earlier the Indian and Japanese Prime Ministers had visited along with their entourage and crowds of people.

After a quick lunch they were entertained at Koji's home which was located in the mountains surrounding Kyoto. Traditional tea and sweets were taken sat cross legged on the floor with his family. Then to their great surprise Koji's wife, who is a calligraphy teacher, demonstrated the art before giving her guests the chance to try it out. Harvey and Angus ended up creating a stunning souvenir to treasure back home.

The plan was then to head back to Kyoto by train. It turned out the Norwegian members also had a rail pass and were heading onto Hiroshima. The train journey passed through tunnels with glimpses of several deep gorges with white water rapids between Torroko and Arashiyama.

Once back in Kyoto more members of the local branch gathered for dinner. Pleasant stories of travel and police work were exchanged. This included viewing photos from decades ago of the Japanese police motorcyclists at the Metropolitan training school in Hendon.

Following dinner, Harvey slipped on his IPA

tartan jacket to present a bottle of Arthur Troop whisky to Koji and thanked members for a wonderful day. Thanks have already gone to 1 Region members - Euan Forbes for despatching the whisky to Harvey in time and to Jim Nisbett for selling him a length of tartan.

A few days later, Harvey and Angus had a long day trip to Tokyo. Section Japan's travel secretary, Ryoji Suzuki, had offered to take them on a tour of the Imperial Palace. All went to plan, meeting at the main Tokyo railway station. After a five minute walk they were all cleared to enter and proceed on the tour. It was quite different to what they had expected, since they had to form up in rows of four and follow orders from a man barking down a megaphone. Once in the grounds they made the most of snapping away with a camera at the old buildings and beautiful landscaped gardens.

On their final day, Goro very kindly offered to pick them up from the hotel and insisted on driving them later on to Osaka airport. So for a bit of light entertainment they went to the Kyoto film studios where Angus trained as a samurai and ended up being filmed in a samurai fight (using a plastic sword). It was then on to a restaurant near Goro's home for what Angus now considers to be his Far Eastern food highlight: a double-decker conveyor belt of sushi and plates of Japanese food slowly passing before his eyes. But that was not the end of the culinary extravaganza - as they all went back to Goro's home where Angus and Goro's wife prepared a traditional dish.

The week in the Gion district concluded in Kyoto - where they saw Japanese ladies, dressed up in traditional costumes, wandering around the streets.

Harvey and Angus have many happy memories of Japan thanks enormously to the Section's members.



Mount Fuji



The Dome in the Peace memorial Park Hiroshima

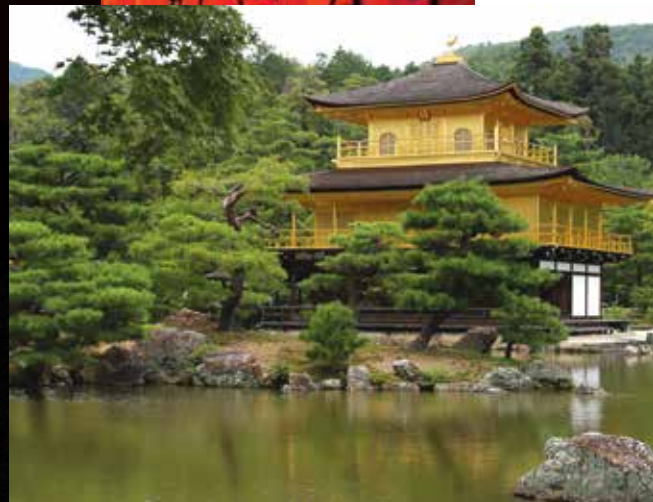


Photo above: The Golden Temple

Right: Angus and Mrs Kawamura preparing a meal



Arthur Troop Centenary Celebration Weekend

The Arthur Troop Centenary Celebrations, held over the weekend of 12 – 14 December 2014, were defined by the number of international guests and the casual, friendly nature of the gathering.

The door at IPA HQ – Section UK was opened to visitors on the Friday afternoon and it wasn't long before all areas of the building were buzzing with the sound of different accents.

Eighty guests from sixteen countries had booked on the event, and with an additional visitor – Past President of Section New Zealand John Coomber 'popping in', there was a record breaking number of international guests attending IPA HQ at the same time.

IPA HQ always has memorabilia on display – making it a fascinating place to visit. On this occasion additional materials relating to Arthur Troop's life were on display, thanks to his son Kevin who had loaned them for the day.

Section UK took advantage of the special day to mark the unveiling of its new name plaque. Alan Carter, former International Secretary General gave a speech before lifting the curtain on the sparkling new plaque.

Guests, along with members from Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire branches, gathered on the Friday evening at a Nottingham restaurant for a buffet. Guest of Honour, Kevin Troop, was received with much affection and guests gave a toast "Happy Birthday Arthur" in honour of his Dad.

Guests got their first taste of Lincoln city – literally – when they were handed a chocolate Lincoln Imp as they embarked on the bus taking them from Nottingham to Lincoln. Once in the city, which was chosen as a venue for guests because it is the birthplace of Arthur Troop, there was an

opportunity for shopping, or sight-seeing with Lincolnshire members acting as guides.

Late afternoon saw guests taking tea and sandwiches, courtesy of the International Executive Board, at Lincoln Cathedral House. The friendly and informal nature of the weekend continued as dignitaries from Lincolnshire were welcomed, mingled with guests and made brief and kind speeches.

To read transcripts of speeches delivered by Pierre-Martin Moulin, International President, and Alan Carter visit: www.ipa-uk.org/AT-Weekend-Speeches

Past President of Section UK, David Read, travelled from Somerset especially for the occasion. Lincolnshire branch marked the occasion by presenting guests with a certificate as a memory of their taking part in the weekend event.

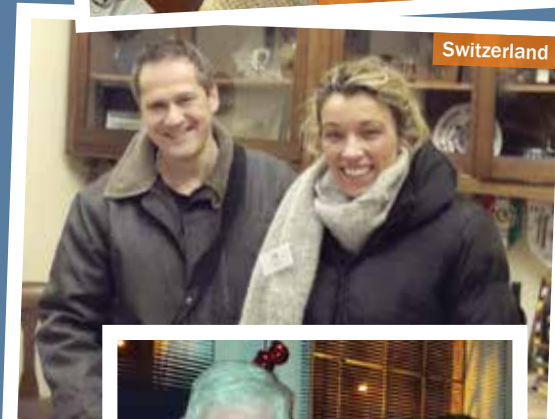
Revd Nikki Bates from Stamford, Arthur's home town, dedicated the plaque commemorating the centenary celebrations. This will be housed at IPA HQ.

As darkness fell, guests feasted on the beauty of Lincoln Cathedral's interior. They had time for 'Lincoln Imp spotting' before being seated for the special Choral Evensong in St Hugh's Choir. The Dean of Lincoln extended a welcome to members of the IPA and referred to Arthur's time as Chanter at the Cathedral. There were readings from Alan Carter, Mick Luke, President Section UK and Georgios Katsaropolous, International Secretary General.

The weekend concluded with a 'Birthday Party' at Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club, to which Santa popped in with gifts.



Poland, UK and New Zealand



Switzerland



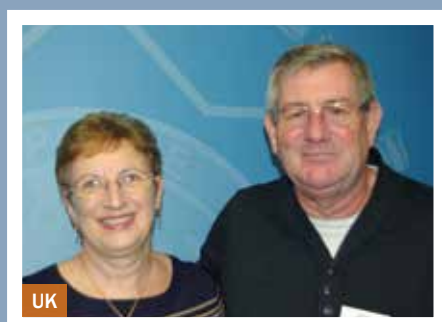
Kevin Troop and a member from Hong Kong

The following pages of photos fall short of conveying the true scale of friendship and informality at the event. It was an event made memorable by the occasion and programme, and most of all, the guests from so many countries who got so involved.

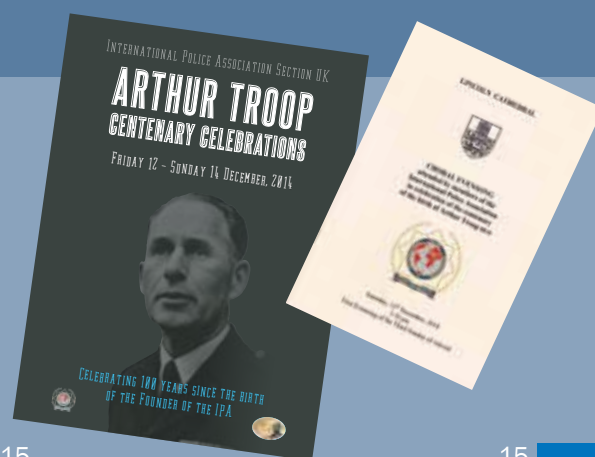
To really experience IPA at its best – you have to take part.



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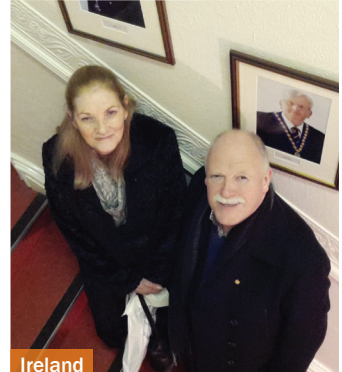
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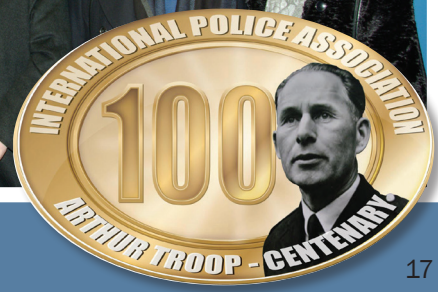
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France



Ireland



Avec la maniere

Guests

Honoured Guest - Kevin Troop, son of Arthur Troop, BEM.

Belgium - Andre Lanckriet.

Denmark - Micheal Boolson.

Estonia - Krista Silm; Rika Laarits; Ene-Urve Eesmaa; Triin Krahv; Silver Mihkel Salujarv; Marko Peris; Veronika Isberg; Maret Tamra.

Finland - Teija Koivunen.

France - Rose Lourme; Daniel Condaminas; Stéphane Le Roch.

Germany - Werner Busch.

Greece - Georgios Katsaropoulos.

Hong Kong - Annie Wan.

Ireland - Denis Dunne; Pat Nunan; Joe Lynch; Anne Lynch; Willie Maye; Charlotte Maye.

Italy - Domenico Greco; Murizio Zanonl.

Netherlands - Jaap Taal; Kees Sal.

Poland - Fryderk Orepek; Arkadiusz Skrzypczak.

Sweden - May-Britt Rinaldo; Peter Tallinger; Leif Ahlman; Britt Hermansson.

Switzerland - Andy Quattrini; Tiziana Quattrini, Bianca Quattrini; Michele Quattrini; Pierre-Martin Moulin; Vivianne Vaucher.

United Kingdom - Phillip Powell; Vivienne Catherall-Powell; Spike Elliott; Helen Elliott; Christine Gibson; Kiran Gharial; David Moore; Euan Forbes; Sheena Forbes; Alan Carter; Sean Murphy; Eileen Murphy; Iain Sirrell; Halina Sirrell; Christine Gale; Stephen Gale; Chris Charlton; Judith Smith; Mandy Kernohan; Hillary Boyd; Sam Olphert; Andy Gregory; Jo McDonagh; Stephen Crockard; Dianne Crockard.

USA - Kevin Gordon; Scott Patton.

National Executive Committee, Section UK - President - Mick Luke; Treasurer - Fred Boyd; Secretary General - Dave Taylor; Vice Presidents - Mark Kernohan; Ronnie Dukes; Sean Hannigan.

Staff - International Administration Centre - Elke Schulpen-Roberts; Lesley Hughes; Kerry Gil.

Staff - IPA HQ - Michele Rai; Jo Conway; Lee Hemmings; Lib Jones.



The Mayor and Mayoress of North Lincolnshire, Cllr Trevor Foster and Mrs Angela Foster with Steve Woodcock MBE, Chief Officer Special Constabulary, Lincolnshire Police



Mick Luke with Precentor of Lincoln Cathedral Gavin Kirk



Chief Constable Neil Rhodes, Lincolnshire Police and his wife Sue with Mick Luke



'Birthday party'



HM Lord Lieutenant of Lincolnshire Mr Tony Worth and his wife Jenny with Mick Luke



Revd Nikki Bates with Kevin Troop



Steve Woodcock MBE points out the Lincoln Imp

Taiwan Discusses Possibilities

Two senior officials from the Taiwan National Police Agency, Cheng Ming-Chung and Jason Wang, accompanied by the Assistant Director of the Taipei Representative Office in the UK, Alex YH Huang, paid a courtesy visit to the International Admin Centre and IPA HQ - Section UK in Nottingham.

They discussed a range of issues of mutual interest and expressed a desire for an IPA Section in Taiwan to be established.

Stephen Crockard, Assistant International Secretary General (AISG), advised them that as a UN NGO, the IPA was bound by the UN 'One China' policy that gave recognition only to the Peoples' Republic of China.

He further advised them that if this situation were to change, Taiwan would then be welcomed to establish an IPA Section in the normal fashion.



Cheng Ming-Chung and Stephen Crockard



The Group with the RNLI



In front of Scarborough's police box

What a Weekend!



The visit to Scarborough by friends from IPA Ludwigsburg branch was a great weekend. Chris Charlton, Scarborough branch Secretary, wrote to Police World to share some of the highlights from this event with the wider membership.

Chris wrote, "Our German guests enjoyed informative and interesting displays by HM Coastguard, the RNLI and The Scarborough and Ryedale Mountain Rescue Team - which included a tour of the Lifeboat House and Lifeboat. A Civic Reception was held at Scarborough Town Hall - we were welcomed with an address (spoken in German) by the town crier - The Honourable Freeman Alan Booth MBE.

The Mayor of Scarborough, Councillor Pat Marsburg, graciously gave a guided tour of the Town Hall and our guests also received a

warm, and humorous, welcome from the Chief Constable of North Yorkshire Police, and Scarborough branch member, David Jones. Later, the visitors were each presented with a bottle of locally brewed IPA Scarborough beer."

Chris went on to explain, guests also enjoyed a walk along the former Scarborough to Whitby railway line and enjoyed fantastic panoramic views of Robin Hood's Bay. They spent time in Whitby exploring the old town and harbour - ending the day with a superb meal and an impromptu firework display on Scarborough's South Beach.

The visit ended with a very professional and fascinating 2½ hour visit to Scarborough police station.

Scarborough branch Committee would like to thank all Scarborough branch members that were involved in the planning and organisation of the weekend programme and also to those local members that attended the events. The Committee would also like to thank the 3 Region Committee for supporting the event financially.



Group with Scarborough Mayor Councillor Pat Marsburg

IPP Presentation

Immediate Past President (IPP) Tom Crozier and his wife, Pauline, have been presented with crystal wine glasses as a token of appreciation for their services to Section UK.

Tom and Pauline, along with guests from 2 Region Northern Ireland, joined Mick Luke and other members of Section UK's National Executive Committee (NEC) at the National Police Memorial Day (NPM) weekend in Belfast.

After an NEC meeting, held during the same weekend, Mick Luke presented the gift and said, "I am delighted on behalf of the NEC and all the members of Section UK to be making this presentation to you this evening.

Holding the office of President is by its very nature a prestigious undertaking which comes with responsibility and a dedication to service - something which I know you, Tom, valued above all when you took office."

Mick then congratulated Tom on his contribution to the Section - namely his work on the Directive of Funding and the work and debate which resulted in widening the membership to include the whole police family.

In conclusion, Mick ended in saying, "You both still have a lot to offer the IPA and maintain a keen interest in what is happening. I know that as IPP you will continue to prove to be a wonderful ambassador for the United Kingdom."

Quoting from the Greek statesman - Pericles, Mick added, "What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others."



Carole Spence, Chair of 2 Region Northern Ireland, took the opportunity to present Tom with a Blackthorn walking stick as a thank you for all his efforts in his presidency.



Mick Luke, Carole Spence, Pauline and Tom Crozier

Kiran Celebrates in Varna

Kiran Gharial, a member from 9 Region, first heard about the Section Bulgaria 20th Anniversary Celebrations via the IPA-UK website.

Having attended a similar event in Estonia, and having thoroughly enjoyed it, he registered for the trip to Bulgaria.

Upon arrival in Varna, Kiran discovered a comprehensive programme had been organised - including excursions to Balchik city, the Palace, botanical gardens and wine-tasting at a local winery.

Kiran said, "There was a visit to Kavarna city and dinner was served at an IPA Bulgarian member's estate which included a jazz performance by a famous Bulgarian singer. We also enjoyed a trip to Kranevo village to watch various children's dance performances. There was even time for an entertaining beach party with exotic local food and beverages as well as festival music and dancing. It was a fantastic experience for everyone!"

The event proved the ideal opportunity for networking as at the hotel guests were introduced to all the IPA members and fellow police personnel attending. Kiran met Committee members from many IPA



Sections from around the world: including President Zinaida Gantcheva; Section Bulgaria's General Secretary Krassimir Dimov; Section Russia's President Aleksei Gankin and Section Israel's Vice-President and member of the International Executive Board (IEB) Gal Sharon.

Kiran's trip ended with an official dinner, at a traditional Bulgarian restaurant, with folk dancing and time for speeches and the exchange of gifts.

Kiran added, "I would like to thank Section Bulgaria for organising this event and congratulate all representatives for their part in its success."



Re-structuring Afoot in 1 Region

Members of the 1 Region (Scotland) discussed changes to their Regional structure at a half yearly meeting.

The Committee agreed in principal the need for change and the preference is that IPA 1 Region will emulate the boundaries of Police Scotland.

These proposals will be further discussed, at the Regional Meeting in March 2015, to fully understand the impact any change will have on members geographically.

Mick Luke, President, said on behalf of the National Executive Committee (NEC), "The NEC are happy that IPA Region 1 Scotland are having this debate as it is the NEC's belief that it will streamline communication flow and benefit members in Scotland who are not always wanting to undertake office holder duties. The more committees you have to find, the harder it can be and the options presented reflect this. However it is equally important that local voices across Scotland are heard wherever members live and they have an established route through the Region to the NEC."

The options presented also reflect the modernisation of the police service in Scotland which is perhaps something the other regions should look at throughout the rest of the UK but as always this is a matter for the will of the members."

Members of 1 Region can find out more information by contacting the Regional Secretary at: 1region@ipa-uk.org

Photo top: Mick Luke was presented with a gift as a token of appreciation for attending the meeting from 1 Region Chair, Andy Wright.



I Survived!

"We landed in what was a mangrove swamp, in temperatures of 40 degrees and the tide was rising fast. I asked myself what the hell was I doing here and as I looked at the faces of my companions; I could see they were feeling the same."

No, this was not a members account from an IPA Friendship Week but an extract from the exploits of 3 Region member Tony Fletcher. Tony was selected as a contestant on Channel Four's tv programme 'The Island with Bear Grylls'.

Tony said, "Surviving on the island was tough. As one of the men has described, it was an unforgiving environment where a mistake could cost you dearly. The heat was unrelenting, food and drink was a big issue, we had to forage for food, catch and kill it. Our diet was limited to fish, coconuts and snails and one small crocodile. The water we drank was brown, rank and warm. We all lost a lot of weight and I came home 15 kgs lighter. It was a return to a basic existence, with a group of men previously unknown to each other making the best of things. However, and on

a positive note, there is no more effective way of getting to know someone, to reflect on life and appreciate what we have and this was certainly the case on the island.

The worst part was after 5 days - hungry, cold at night, too hot in the day, dehydrated, but most of all missing family and home. This said, there were many high points pre, during and post island. I was with a great bunch of blokes all very different with different skills and personal attributes - all with different reasons for being there. I learned a lot from them. Would I do it again? The answer now is a resounding yes."

Tony wanted to go on the island to prove that you can have a challenge at any time of life. He describes himself as a 'bit of a nosey person' and

always likes to know what is going on in his local community.

To find out more visit: www.channel4.com/programmes/the-island-with-bear-grylls/profiles/all/tony

£6000 Raised for Charity

After the success of the 2013 Big Charity Ball, International Police Association (IPA) Birmingham, West Midlands branch decided to repeat the formula for a Charity Ball and 'Black Tie' in 2014. Branch Vice-Chair Adrian Mills and his girlfriend Sarah Jones together with branch Chair Andy Gregory made all the arrangements for the spectacular event at Hogarths Hotel in Dorridge, Solihull.

The 2014 Big Charity Event was a huge success raising over £6000 for the five chosen charities: Marie Curie Hospice, Solihull; The Brain Tumour Charity, Acorns Childrens' Hospice, The Mad Hatters Tea Party and COPS (Care of Police Survivors). Due to the generosity of the sponsor, local business-owner Jill Wright of Cherish Properties Limited, the charities were able to send along representatives who were able to give a short presentation about the work their charities do and the support they provide.



Birmingham and West Midland members having a ball

Adrian said "We chose Hogarths again this year as they put on a fabulous evening for us in 2013".

Adrian and Sarah wrote to local businesses asking them to support the event and provide raffle prizes and auction lots. Over 100 guests attended and they were entertained by vocalist Marty Elliott during the meal and afterwards by a brilliant eight-piece soul-band 'Junction 2'.

Andy said "It takes a huge amount of effort to arrange these events and we seem to have worked out a great format over the last couple of years. It is extremely rewarding to raise so much money for these worthwhile causes. A huge amount of work went into organising the evening and without the efforts of Ade Mills and Martin Sewell, we would never have managed it. We are already discussing next year's event."

To find out about how £8000 was raised for COPS visit: www.ipa-uk.org/News/ipa-help-raise-8000-for-cops

In the Swing of Things on the Avon



Twelve members of Avon and Somerset South branch assembled next to the SS Great Britain for a Bristol Packet boat trip along the Avon Gorge towards Avonmouth.

The boat was full and its passengers included a group of children from Chernobyl, Belarus. The children are hosted every year by Children of Chernobyl charity - based in Wells.

Member Allan Mounce said, "In order to access the Avon we had to use the lock under the Cumberland Basin swing bridge. The Avon is fed from the Bristol Channel which has one of the highest tide rise and falls in the world. Due to the size of some of the other craft the bridge had to be swung. Many of us on the boat had never seen the bridge swing let alone been the cause."

Once clear of the lock the boat made its way down the Gorge and the group were entertained by our skipper with anecdotes and facts about the Gorge and its vagaries. The many sailing ships of yesteryear making their way to Bristol Docks added to the stories.

Towards Avonmouth is the Ham Green Isolation hospital. In the days of sail, the ships stopped here on the way into Bristol and drop off any sailors that may have had a disease. They were put into isolation until it was decided that they were not contagious. If fit, they had to walk back to Bristol to re-join their ship.

Allan added, "We had great views of the Bristol suspension bridge, SS Great Britain and the Revenge - a Tudor sailing ship."

He concluded in recommending the trip to other members. "If you are down our way why not make it a must for your event diary."

Friendship Across the Pond

Sussex branch members, David and Caryl Stamp and Neil and Helen Hall, attended the Section USA Friendship Week Cruise. The Norwegian Cruise Line (NCL) ship Norwegian Gem departed from and returned to New York City - visiting ports in Canada and New England.

Speaking of the experience Neil said, "Meeting with fellow IPA Members was a lot of fun and many new friendships were made. One hundred and ninety IPA Members from a variety of nations attended. There was also the opportunity to meet local IPA members during visits ashore. On board

there were three receptions enabling IPA members to get acquainted and swap items such as patches and pins."

Interested in IPA Friendship Weeks? Visit:

www.ipa-uk.org/Event-Catalog/Friendship-Weeks



David Stamp presents a Section UK pennant to a member of Halifax branch, Canada

Section UK Member Awarded Arthur Troop Scholarship

Kees Sal, International Professional Commission (IPC) Chair has announced that the International Executive Bureau (IEB) has named the twelve IPA members who have been awarded a 2015 Arthur Troop Scholarship.

Edward Hancox from Section UK was among the successful applicants.

The list of 12 are: Daniel McDonald - Australia, Requera Peral Carlos - Spain, Joakim Olsson - Sweden, Kevin McGinnis - USA, James Clover - Canada, M.A. Mcaba - South Africa, Edward Hancox - UK, Mick Daly - Ireland, Paul Fremaux -

New Zealand, Laura Zaleskiene - Lithuania, U.D. Jayaratne - Sri Lanka, Flora TING Sau-chi - Hong Kong.

The Arthur Troop Scholarship is an international grant which will assist towards a visit overseas to undertake police related studies at an educational establishment or the International Conference Centre, Gimbom.

To find out more about the Arthur Troop Scholarship and how to apply visit:

www.ipa-uk.org/Arthur-Troop-Scholarship

Cracking Cybercrime at Gimborn

In August, Mick Sharman-Davies, a member of Derbyshire branch, attended the Gimborn seminar on Cybercrime and reported to Police World.

There were two speakers from the UK, both retired Superintendents of West Midlands police. The first being Russell May, now a visiting Professor at the University of Sunderland. Russell set up the West Midlands Cybercrime unit, prior to retirement, and was a wealth of knowledge. He was able to show that what you see on a computer hard drive is not always what you think it is - demonstrating how to recover items that had been deleted. He also explained how files could be disguised so they would not reveal their true content.

I was amazed as he extracted data from a phone, bought on the internet, that was supposed to have all the data removed from it. He showed text conversations and emails, as well as contact details, that had been stored on the phone. Surprisingly, he was able to deduce that the former owner was a French Canadian and that he had been on a road trip on the east coast of Canada.

Bob Bird, a lecturer on Forensic Computing and Information Security at Coventry University, gave an interesting session on what cybercrime was in the context of organised crime. Bob explained where to find electronic evidence and the methods used to recover it - discussing how deleted data is not actually deleted.

Markus Wortmann, spoke about internet security and how viruses and Trojans work - highlighting the rise in 'ransom ware' and 'war driving'. These two techniques allow criminals to

hold a PC user to ransom by remotely locking their system down or exploiting their unsecured wifi network.

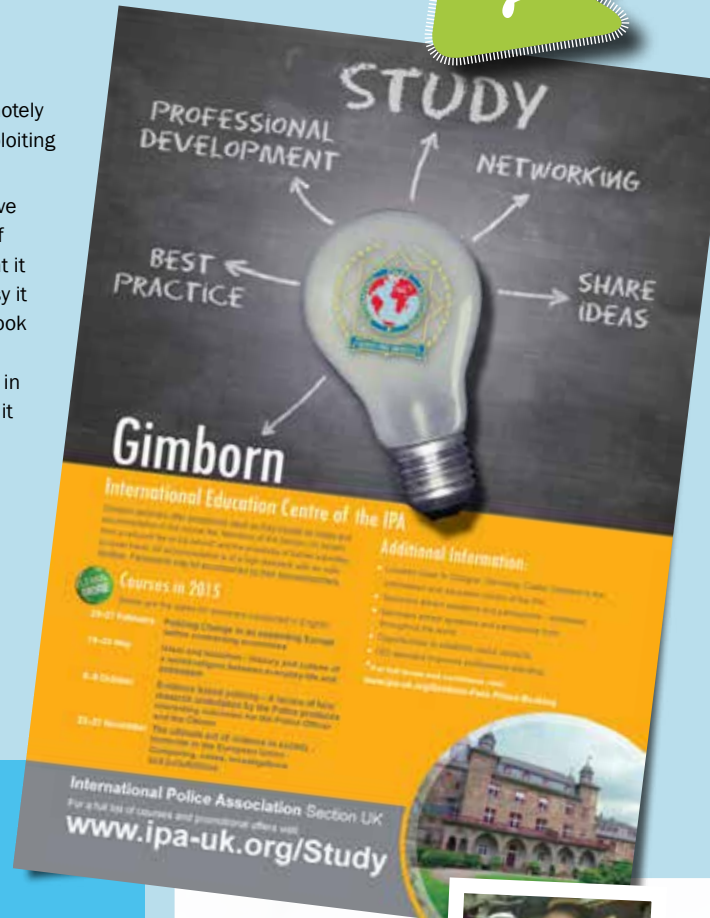
Reinhold Jank gave an informative presentation on the protection of personal data and how important it is to do this. He showed how easy it was to hi-jack someone's Facebook account. He also explained how criminals use false IP addresses in different countries, thus making it hard to find their true location.

As always, I found the seminar very informative and beneficial. It gave the opportunity to meet other colleagues from around Europe - forty one participants attended from 7 countries. Nineteen of whom were police officers from the same station in Skanderborg, Denmark.

Interested in attending Gimborn yourself? To find out more visit: www.ipa-uk.org/Gimborn-About

To view the full list of seminars for 2015 visit: www.ipa-uk.org/Gimborn-2015-Seminars

Yvonne Taylor attended the 'Engaging With Victims of Crime and Road Traffic Accidents' seminar - to read her account visit: www.ipa-uk.org/News/improving-standards-of-victim-support-through-gimborn-seminar



Hats Off for A New World Record!



If Andreas Skala, a member from Berlin, were to line up all of the 2290 police hats from his collection, he would easily be able to frame an entire football pitch and mark out all the lines!

The Guinness World Records, London, have declared that his collection is officially the largest police hat collection in the world - making Andreas a world record holder.

Andreas's passion for collecting hats was ignited 35 years ago when his grandfather gave him a hat from the Samaritans.

Just for the record: Andreas's collection is still growing - he now has 2296 hats!

He would love to receive more hats from other IPA Sections. He can be contacted at: g.a.skala@t-online.de

Just a Suggestion

When Communications Manager Lib Jones took a call from IPA 3 Region member Graham Lawson, she was impressed by his enthusiasm for the IPA. Graham, a member since 1975 and aged 86 phoned IPA HQ soon after receiving Police World, Edition 4, 2014 which carried an article about IPA Publicity Officers. He shared his concern that appointing Publicity Officers would absolve IPA members of their responsibility to share the word about IPA and recruit new members. Graham suggested all serving officers could do more recruiting amongst colleagues and to help in this they should 're-cycle' their copy of Police World by leaving it at the police station for others to read. They could also emphasise the international and family elements of IPA.

Lib says, "Although valid, Graham's suggestions were not particularly new or remarkable. However, Graham phoned at a time of great personal upheaval. He was living in temporary accommodation, with no access to landlines, computers, etc because his flat had been destroyed by fire. It was good of him to take the trouble to contact IPA HQ and share his concerns and ideas about the future of IPA". Publicity Officers are 'appointed' as volunteers. Their main role is to act as the liaison between the IPA communications team and communications teams within the different forces. All members are encouraged to get involved in promoting the IPA and there are materials to help with this on the IPA website.



NEW! IPA Video

Kevin Gordon, President of Section USA, received a certificate of merit from the International Executive Board (IEB) for his outstanding contribution in producing a new IPA movie - which is available as a promotion tool. The movie is available in the four official IPA languages - to view the movie visit: www.ipa-lac.org/movie/en

Hong Kong Visitor

5 Region was joined by a visitor from Hong Kong when it held its Regional Meeting in October.

Stanley Chan, the membership secretary for IPA Section Hong Kong was visiting the UK for several weeks. Learning of his visit, he was invited to attend 5 Region's meeting by Sean Hannigan, Section UK Vice President and Regional Secretary.

Sean, who hosted Stanley said, "I was delighted to meet up with Stanley and let him experience IPA hospitality at its best. Stanley was staying in the UK for several weeks and hoped to renew some existing acquaintances he has with IPA members. It was great to see Stanley again and rekindle the friendship that exists between both our Sections."

Photo shows: Andy Gregory, Andre Bak, Mick Luke, Stanley Chan, Greg Dexter and Sean Hannigan



The Big Dig!

Members of the 1st Trent side Scouts descended on IPA HQ - Section UK, in West Bridford, Nottingham, to earn their community challenge badge. Their task was to transform the garden.

Event organiser, Jenny Alexander Nottingham Branch Secretary, said, "They worked from 10am until 4pm. They built a double composter, cut all the hedges, mowed all the lawns, swept up over 20 black bags of leaves, dug 2 vegetable beds, planted 60 bulbs and cleared all the ivy from the garage. They even found time to make kindling and take a tour of the IPA HQ. They all worked really hard and were a fantastic help!"

The team of Scout helpers on the day were: Aimee Stonard (Scout Leader), Emily, Molly, Charlotte, Joanna, Emma and Samuel.



Taking a well earned lunch in the sun

Also helping out were IPA members Liz, Nigel, Gurmit, Rav, Kerry and Jenny.



Hard at work with the new vegetable plot

Win a bottle of Centenary Whisky

After the successful production of the Arthur Troop Centenary Whisky, 1 Region Scotland have decided to offer a very special and unique bottle as a raffle prize. Bottle Number 1 of the 25 year old Single Speyside Malt Whisky will be the only prize. Only 120 bottles of this whisky have been produced (original cost £80 per bottle) and as this is the first bottle its value will only increase. The bottle will be in a special presentation box and the winner will also receive a certificate of authenticity.

The raffle tickets are £5 each and the draw will take place on Thursday 13 August, 2015, at the Central Scotland Branch Friendship Week Gala Dinner in Stirling.

Tickets available from Andy Wright at: 1region@ipa-uk.org

Remember, you need to be in it to win it!



Notts Branch Member Selected

The 3rd IPA World Seminar for Young Police Officers will take place in Poland in 2015, at the Police Training Centre in Legionowo. Clare Surgay, from Nottinghamshire branch, has been selected to represent Section UK.

On hearing the news of her selection Clare said, "I am incredibly pleased to have been selected to represent Section UK - not to mention surprised! I am looking forward to exploring how international forces operate and work together in partnership. I believe that the Seminar will allow me to enhance both my professional skills and understanding on evidence gathering and investigative techniques. Equally as important, I am grateful for being afforded the opportunity to make and open up friendships for both current and future generations of police officers."

To find out more about what professional development the IPA can offer you - visit: www.ipa-uk.org/Professional-Development



Alligators will do anything for a hotdog on a stick!

I absolutely love holidaying in the USA. My wife, Christine, and I have so far visited 45 States over the years. We have travelled a long way and seen some wonderful places, including Alaska which is amazing.

As we are both now retired, we decided to push the boat out this year and extend our holiday to four weeks. We sent the International Travel Form off to IPA HQ - Section UK and very quickly received contacts from New Orleans and San Antonio, via Bud Lathrop, the IPA Associate Secretary for the UK.

As my wife and I both love trains and having already travelled extensively over Amtrak's network, we couldn't wait to complete more of the loop. We boarded 'The Crescent' in Newark, New Jersey, and travelled for 30 hours overnight to New Orleans, where we made our first stop.

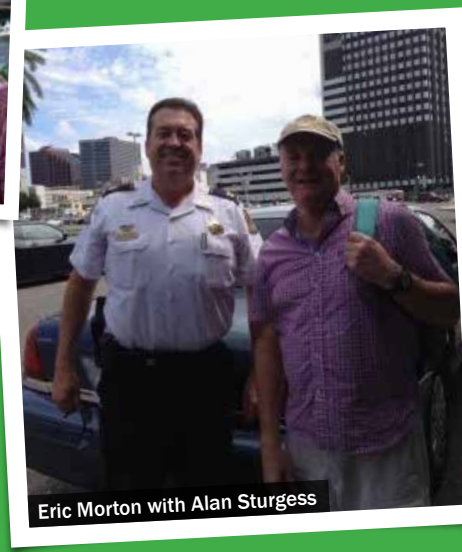
IPA members Eric Morton and Heather Kouts, of the New Orleans Police Department, met us and very kindly gave us lifts to and from the station to pick up our hire car.

Heather also gave us a personal tour of New Orleans where we saw the ravages and devastation still apparent from hurricane Katrina.

Our week there was amazing but not complete without a swamp tour where we saw lots of alligators - who will do anything for a hot dog on a stick!



Christine and Alan Sturgess



Eric Morton with Alan Sturgess



After our wonderful week in New Orleans, we boarded the train again to San Antonio, Texas, which took 15 hours - and spent a week at the Hyatt Wild Oak resort. Our thanks here to Matthew West, from the Union Pacific Railroad Police, who met us at the station.

IPA member Mike Check of the River Park Police, gave up his day off to show us around San Antonio. The River Walk here is a famous place to visit - full of shops and restaurants. We walked about five miles along the river bank on another sweltering day, and stopped off along the way to see 'The Alamo' and had lunch in a lovely riverside restaurant.

Retired officer Jim Mulvihill, who lives about an hour north of San Antonio, invited us up to see his ranch, which was amazing. He and his

wife then took us into Fredericksburg, a lovely town, where we browsed round the shops and had lunch in a German restaurant.

Another memorable holiday for sure and this must go down as one of the best holidays we have ever had.

In total we clocked up 1,800 miles by car and 1,950 miles with Amtrak between Newark, New Jersey, and San Antonio, Texas.

The hospitality we were shown was quite remarkable, not only by the IPA members mentioned, but Americans in general are so polite and helpful. I would have no hesitation in recommending anyone to visit the USA - and do take advantage of being a member of the IPA.

Alan Sturgess, North Wales branch

Women Police Officers International Conference

Women police officers from across the globe met on the island of Crete for an international conference and a member from IPA BTP branch was there representing Section UK.

Charlotte Cotterill, a serving officer with the British Transport Police, was selected to attend the conference and received funding of up to £300 to attend.

Writing about the conference Charlotte said, "For me, the most interesting and beneficial parts of the conference were the opportunities the delegates had to share issues and solutions. Although the majority of the messages put across were optimistic and celebratory, the delegates were not afraid to ask difficult questions - as the former chief police officer of Greece found out when he was asked how many females he had promoted during his ten years in office! Many delegates discussed the issues of

combining motherhood and the demands of the police service. Maria Yiannakopoulou (Secretary of Panhellenic Federation of Women Police Officers) gave insight into difficulties faced by the Greek police force in the current economic climate."

Charlotte was impressed by the organisation of the event by IPA Section Greece. Trips to the ancient Minoan site of Knossos, the largest Bronze Age archaeological site on Crete and some of the local towns and villages certainly added a different dimension to Charlotte's experience. She also visited Crete's main police station where a memorial service was conducted followed by a feast with traditional dancing.

Charlotte ended in saying, "Thank you for the IPA for enabling me to enjoy this trip which was my first as an IPA member and the opportunity to meet people from around the world - and



Charlotte Cotterill with Olga Birkana

hopefully meet again. A special thanks to Olga Birkana of Section Russia who kindly provided the photos."

Hot Shots Bag New Member

Leicestershire and Nottinghamshire branches joined forces to invite prospective members to Kibworth Shooting Ground, Leicestershire, to experience a variety of Clay Pigeon shooting disciplines.

Everyone was thoroughly briefed on safety procedures by Clive Wood, Chair of Leicestershire branch. Clive also took the time to coach the novices in the finer art of holding a shotgun, the right way up, loading the cartridges safely and extracting spent shell cases.

The group experienced different disciplines including 'down the line', 'sporting' and 'skeet' where targets are thrown in a great variety of trajectories, angles, speeds, elevations and distances.

The disciplines were originally devised to simulate live quarry shooting, hence some of the names commonly used in 'sporting' stands: springing teal, driven pheasant, bolting rabbit, crossing pigeon and dropping duck.



Ian Bayliss gives some advice

Despite the weather closing in with rain and wind during the afternoon session, everyone thoroughly enjoyed improving their shooting. In fact, Neil Strauhan joined the IPA soon after and attended his first branch meeting in November.

If anyone would like to take part in a future event, please contact Clive Wood at: leicestershire@ipa-uk.org

Fred Rankin, Leicestershire branch



Left side: Jenny Alexander, Clive Wood, Sam Arnold, Podium 2nd: Neil Strauhan, 1st: Russell L'homme, 3rd: Simon O'Connell, right front: John Penlington, right rear: Julian Arnold and Ian Bayliss

10 Region Hit the Target Too...

Twenty IPA members and friends, including guests from 9 Region, arrived on a balmy 'Indian Summer' day at Purleigh near Chelmsford Essex for the 2014 Clay Pigeon Shooting Tournament. The prize - the Dave Ross Trophy.

Fifteen shooters, including many new faces, enjoyed great weather, atmosphere and friendship as this now established event took place.

This year saw first time shooter Kiran Gharial, from 9 Region, excel himself and he obviously has a natural talent - or is it that he has had too much practice with his speed gun? He attended with his wife Jags and their two young sons. Jags had shot before but many years ago, however, she soon got into the swing of things.

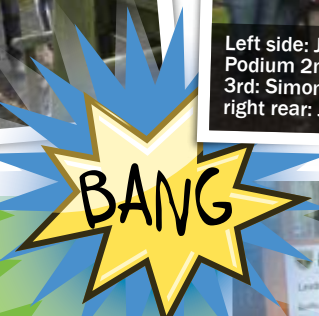
This year saw ties for first and second place - which is unprecedented. Shoot-offs are planned next year to avoid doubling up on trophies.

The winners of the Dave Ross Trophy 2014 was new attendees Dave Clark and Kevin Mothersill of Chelmsford police.

The runner-ups were Kiran Gharial and long time 10 Region member Phil Matthews with 'IPA friend' Andrea Griffiths sweeping up at the rear with the 'booby prize'.

The winners were presented with their prizes by the event proprietor Graham Ferris.

Next year's event has already been booked to take place on Sunday 27 September at midday. The price is remaining the same representing excellent value - especially to 10 Region members who are entitled to a £5 reduction - meaning their rate remains at £35. For all others the price will be £40 for 50 shots plus food and drink.



Time to socialise too



Winners receiving the trophy



Kiran and Jags get tips

Next year's competition will see the introduction of a new trophy for the

best female shooter.

Please make a note in your diary!

Steve Hunt, 10 Region Secretary.

Down Under Comes Out on Top

Lib Jones, Communications Manager at Section UK HQ, entered the Guinness Forum photo caption competition and won!

Lib's winning entry, 'A whole new meaning to Michelle Harris from 'Down Under'', resulted in her being awarded with her very own IPA Guinness Challenge Coin. She was also the first ever recipient of the Gold Coin.

Lib was delighted with her prize and celebrated in the best way possible - sharing a Guinness with her police bear and Facebook profile character.

In September, 2013, the IPA Guinness Forum was founded in Copenhagen. The Guinness Forum wants to harness friendships - but without rules, geographical boundaries or politics. The aim is simple - to have fun. It is said that people rarely succeed unless they have fun in what they are doing. So membership of the Forum is open to anyone who wants to have fun. Members will be issued with a Guinness Forum Challenge Coin as proof of membership.

The history of Challenge Coins dates back to the first world war. There are many varying stories as to their origin, but a common theme

was that it became tradition to ensure that all members carried their coin at all times. This was accomplished through a challenge in the following manner - a challenger would ask to see the coin. If the challenged could not produce a coin, they were required to buy a drink of choice for the person who challenged them. If the challenged person produced a

coin, then the challenging person was required to pay for the drink. This tradition continued on throughout the war and for many years after the war while surviving servicemen were still alive.

For more information visit: www.facebook.com/groups/233823296775448/



The caption competition photo of Baldur Ólafsson from Iceland, Michelle Harris from Australia and Michael Walsh from Ireland



The Coins with Lib's Facebook profile character at the world famous Trent Bridge Inn

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Lottery Results

The winners for September were: 1st – Judith Smith, 3 Region - £85; 2nd – Fred Boyd, 2 Region - £25; 3rd – John Bailey, 8 Region - £10. **The winners for October were:** 1st – John Bailey - £100, 8 Region; 2nd – Dave Taylor, 3 Region - £40; 3rd – Keith Wren, 3 Region - £25. **The winners for November were:** 1st – William Orr, 2 Region - £100; 2nd – William Orr, 2 Region - £45; 3rd – Douglas Skate, 8 Region - £20.

Please note: To guarantee entry into each month's draw, ensure your bank standing order is set up to make monthly payment by midnight of 14th of each month.

To find out more visit: www.ipa-uk.org/Lottery

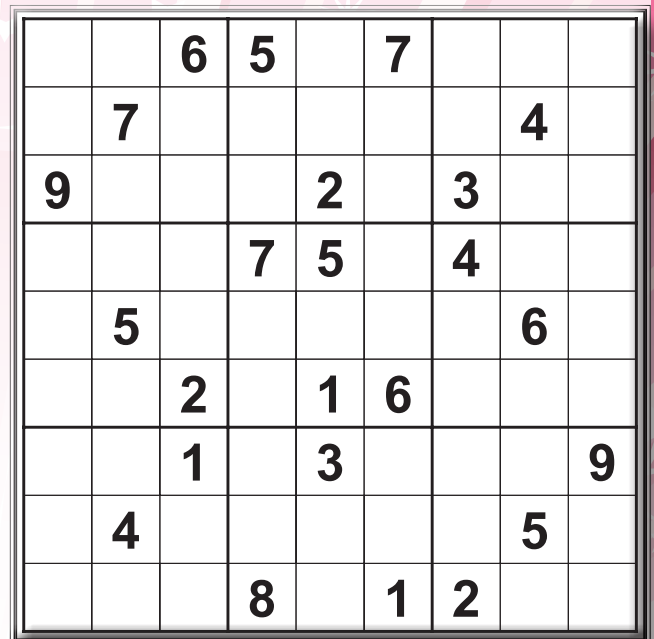
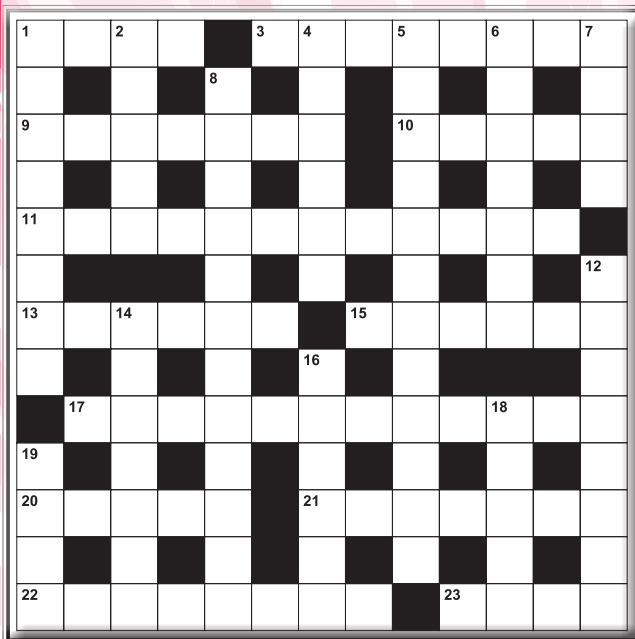
Edition 3 Winners:

Congratulations to Mark Skelton from 3 Region, who sent in the winning solution to the crossword puzzle. David Stamp from 11 Region, successfully completed the sudoku puzzle.

Puzzles

In this edition we are giving you the chance to win in our crossword competition a copy of *A Letter to Ballyturan* by Michael Grant. Enter the sudoku competition and win a copy of *Atlantis Star* by Imogen Tovey.

Solve the puzzles and then send them in. The lucky winners will be drawn out of the hat. Books supplied by Michael Grant and Matador Books. Send the completed crossword to: Lee Hemmings, Editor, International Police Association, IPA HQ - Section UK, 1 Fox Road, West Bridgford. Nottingham, NG2 6AJ. Please include your name, address and membership number. The deadline for entries is 13 March, 2015.



Across

- 1 - Large heavy book (4)
- 3 - Having considerable worth (8)
- 9 - Shock with wonder (7)
- 10 - Cancel (5)
- 11 - Unplugged (12)
- 13 - Hold in high esteem (6)
- 15 - Characteristic (6)
- 17 - Person who receives office visitors (12)
- 20 - Excuse (5)
- 21 - Gift (7)
- 22 - Eland (8)
- 23 - Egyptian goddess of fertility (4)

Down

- 1 - Back and forth (2,3,3)
- 2 - Apportions a punishment (5)
- 4 - Fervent (6)
- 5 - Not familiar with or used to (12)
- 6 - Colourless liquid hydrocarbon (7)
- 7 - ___ Fitzgerald: famous jazz singer (4)
- 8 - Not special (3-2-3-4)
- 12 - Written laws (8)
- 14 - Foretell (7)
- 16 - Increase in intensity (4,2)
- 18 - Mental impressions (5)
- 19 - Hot rock from a volcano (4)



About the books

A Letter to Ballyturan - It's 1945. The war is over and Matt McCartan is mustered out of the army just in time to attend his father's funeral. Matt and his father always had an estranged relationship and because of that Matt knows almost nothing about his father's life and childhood. While going through his father's papers he discovers a single clue that might shed light on who his father was. Seeking further information, he composes a letter to the village priest asking if he, or someone in the village, knew his father. The priest doesn't respond, but a young woman does and her shocking letter sets Matt off on a journey of discovery.

Atlantis Star - A captivating dual time novel for readers aged 8–14. Uniting elements of mythology, wildlife and environmental issues in one gripping story. This book is about an alternative Atlantis - a mystical city where dolphins and humans live in harmony protecting a powerful secret - the Atlantis Star.



Police Educators

Section UK has formed a new Special Interest Group aimed at members who are educators, trainers or

specialist trainers. The group welcomes members with a specialism/skill who are comfortable with public speaking or even developing their public speaking skills. For more information please visit: www.ipa-uk.org/Section-UK-Police-Educators

If you would like to join, please complete a basic CV, detailing your skill, specialism, or area of expertise and send it to Iain Sirrell at: policeeducators@ipa-uk.org



(front left to right) John Bannon, Catherine Milliken, Ray McGrattan, and Davy Johnston

Taking the Initiative

It's always very satisfying when individual members, who are not necessarily committee members or office bearers, take the initiative to create a fun event which benefits other members. A great example of this was when John Bannon from 2 Region (Northern Ireland) North West branch organised an IPA trip to see Biffy Clyro at the Belsonic Music Festival in Belfast. He did this to energise some of the younger branch members and as a recruitment tool for colleagues in the Foyle area.

John picks up the story.

"Belfast was buzzing with fellow music lovers, we even managed to meet up with some IPA colleagues from Belfast branch which was great. Support acts Little Matador and Twin Atlantic



The crowd at the Belsonic music festival

were both excellent and warmed us up nicely before the main act Biffy Clyro hit the stage. Renowned as one of the best live acts on the rock scene. They certainly didn't let the crowd down, blasting out hits such as "Many of Horror" and "Opposite". A brilliant evening - we are definitely going to arrange future similar trips, build up our IPA membership locally, and invite our cross border colleagues in An Garda Siochana and other regions to join us."

Congratulations to John on a very successful trip and more to come.



Surprise Surprise!

Derbyshire branch member Harry Spencer received his 20 Year Certificate and badge from branch Chair Bill Storey at an organised branch talk on the subject of 'Red Socks'.

Harry lives in Murcia, Spain and he, and his wife Gwen, just happened to be visiting friends and relatives in the UK before returning to sunny Spain.

Bill said, *"Unbeknown to Harry, his cousin Sally was attending the meeting with her husband, and member, Chris Jackson. Sally gave us a talk on the 'Red Socks' - a group of men and women that marshall the Country Game Fairs at Holkham Hall, Norfolk and Chatsworth, Derbyshire."*

The photograph (above) shows Derbyshire's newest member Alun Price, who has taken advantage of the free subscription offer, with Bill Storey and Harry Spencer.

In Memory

Bill Haley, from Blackpool and North Lancashire branch, sadly passed away in October 2014. Bill had been an active IPA member since 1978 - serving his branch in a variety of positions, including Treasurer. Notified by Phil Bolton.

Meredith (Bunny) Austin, from Northamptonshire branch, sadly passed away in September, aged 86 years. Joining in 1951, Meredith stood as Chair during the foundation of Northamptonshire branch and 5 Region. Notified by Bill Tapp.

The IPA Gets **COOKING**

The IPA Cook Book is now available for download in English and Spanish at:

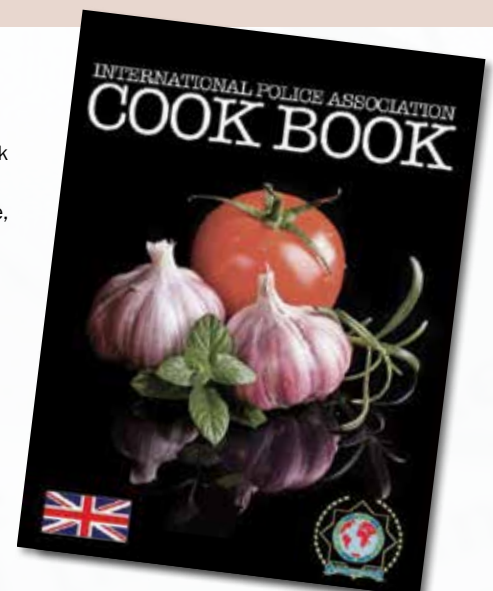
www.ipa-iac.org/admin/uploadedImages/news_Doc/0146061916329913IPACOOKBOOK2014_EN.pdf

The idea of the cook book came from Section USA member, Tom Ciurlik, and was supported by the International Executive Board (IEB). At a meeting in Ettal, Germany, the idea was discussed and Eija Aspholm, an IPA International Cultural Commission (ICC) member, volunteered to progress the project.

A request 'IPA Cook Book needs recipes!' was put on Facebook and also sent to each IPA Section in June, 2013. These recipes have now been

collated and the IPA Cook Book launched. The book includes recipes from the following 14 Sections: Andorra, Australia, Austria, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Romania, Spain, Turkey, United Kingdom (Northern Ireland) and USA.

Eija Aspholm said, *"I would like to thank Satu Sammallahti-Visser, Manel Castellvi, Patric Louis and Stephen Crockard for their support and work during this project. They have done a great job! We hope you enjoy using the IPA Cook Book. Bon Appétit!"*



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February 2015

5 Region - Staffordshire Branch Race

Night - 12 February. A fun race night with refreshments.

Contact: staffordshire@ipa-uk.org

7 Region - Devon Branch Spring Break -

13-15 February at The Royal Hotel Woolacombe, Devon. Cost: 3 nights BBEM £90pp (or 2 nights BBEM for £60).

Contact: gbulford@blueyonder.co.uk

April 2015

9 Region - Trip to attend the Section Croatia

- **Dubrovnik Friendship Week** 25 April -

2 May 2015. For details of the Dubrovnik event - including a full programme and costs visit: www.ipa-uk.org/Event-Catalog/Event-Catalog/Friendship-Weeks

June 2015

Section UK's 2015 National Council Meeting

(NCM) will take place 4-7 June at Theobalds Park Hotel, Cheshunt, Hertfordshire. www.deverevenues.co.uk/en/venues/theobalds-park/ Contact: 9region@ipa-uk.org

July 2015

3 Region - Blackpool & North Lancashire

Branch Social Evening - 8 July at the Mercure

Bolton Georgian House Hotel, Manchester Road, Blackrod, Bolton, BL6 5RU. Contact: blackpool-and-north-lancashire@ipa-uk.org



Section UK Charity Ball

2015 - 18 July in aid of the National Police Memorial Day, will take place at the Albert Hall, Nottingham. Tickets are £35 per person and are available from michele.rai@ipa-uk.org or 01159 813638

August 2015

1 Region - Central Scotland Branch

Friendship Break - FULLY BOOKED.

Contact: 1region@ipa-uk.org

October 2015

10 Region - Annual Clay Pigeon Shoot 2015 -

11 October, at Purleigh near Chelmsford Essex.

Contact: 10region@ipa-uk.org

November 2015

5 Region - Staffordshire Branch Talk on "The

Land Girls" - 12 November. A guest speaker will talk about "The Land Girls" from world war two. Contact: staffordshire@ipa-uk.org

Caravan & Camping Rallies

AGM Rally - 11-15 April at the Newark

Showground, Newark, Notts.

Contact: dave.gailashley@tiscali.co.uk

Stoke Bruerne Rally - 7-12 May, at

Stoke Bruern Canal Village, Towcester, Northamptonshire, NN12 7SE.

Contact: albert.ann@ntlworld.com

Seaside Rally - 28 May-4 June at The

Sportsfield, Berry Lane, Littlehampton, West Sussex, BN17 6DL.

Contact: susan.golds@tesco.net

Carsington Water Rally - 18-23 June at

Ashbourne, Derbyshire.

Contact: dave.gailashley@tiscali.co.uk

Pasty and Cream Rally - 1-7 July at Liskeard,

Cornwall, PL14 5AG with extended stay of 28 days. Contact: john.tucker50@btinternet.com

Broads Rally - 29 July-12 August at Staithe

Road, Ludham, Norfolk, NR29 5NP.

Contact: steve.palmer264@virgin.net

Burnham Carnival Rally 4-11 November,

Burnham on Sea Rugby Club, Stoddens Road, Burnham on Sea, TA8 2NZ.

Contact: mikepaxton01@aol.com

AGM Dates 2015

7 Region - Thames Valley branch AGM and

lunch - 8 February at the Oxford Thames Four Pillars Hotel, Henley Road, Sandford-on-Thames, Oxford, OX4 4GX. Meet at 12 midday for 12.30 lunch. AGM to follow at about 2.30 pm. Contact: thames-valley@ipa-uk.org

3 Region - Durham and Cleveland Branch

AGM - 8 February at the Windmill Motel on the A19 southbound carriageway at the Dalton Piercy turnoff.

Contact: durham-and-cleveland@ipa-uk.org

3 Region - West Yorkshire branch AGM -

10 February at the Police sports and social club (LEEDS), Gledhow Lane, Leeds, LS8 1NQ. Contact: west-yorkshire@ipa-uk.org

3 Region - York Branch AGM - 15 February.

Contact: york@ipa-uk.org

5 Region - Northamptonshire branch AGM

- 20 February at the Sports pavillion, Wooton Hall Park at 7.30pm.

Contact: northamptonshire@ipa-uk.org

4 Region - South Wales Branch AGM -

25 February at 7pm, Llantrisant Leisure Centre. Contact: south-wales@ipa-uk.org

11 Region - Surrey Branch AGM - 25 February

at The Kingswood Arms, Waterhouse Lane, Kingswood, KT20 6LB.

Contact: surrey@ipa-uk.org

4 Region - Dyfed Powys Branch AGM - 26

February at 7.30pm, Dyfed Powys Police HQ, Llangunnor. Contact: dyfed-powys@ipa-uk.org

11 Region - Sussex Branch AGM -

26 February at the Mid Sussex Conservative Club, Cyprus Road, Burgess Hill, RH15 8DX.

Contact: sussex@ipa-uk.org

7 Region - Wiltshire Branch AGM - 4 March

starting at 18:30 hours at the Stonenge Inn & Carvery, 2 Stonehenge Road, Durrington, Salisbury SP4 8BN. To be followed by an evening meal about 19:30 hours.

Contact: wiltshire@ipa-uk.org

3 Region AGM - 6-8 March at the Hilton Hotel,

Sheffield. Prices: Full Weekend (Including 2 nights B&B, 1 Delegate and Saturday Evening Meal & Entertainment): Double/Twin Room (including 1 Day Delegate) £260, Single Room £210, Part Weekend (per person): Day Delegate with refreshments and lunch £27, Day Delegate without refreshments and lunch £12, Saturday Evening Meal & Entertainment £30. Contact: 3region@ipa-uk.org

11 Region AGM - 7 March. Venue to be

arranged. Contact: 11region@ipa-uk.org

4 Region AGM - Sunday 8 March, 11am, at

Llantrisant Leisure Centre.

Contact: 4region@ipa-uk.org

5 Region AGM - 8 March. Venue to be

confirmed. Contact: 5region@ipa-uk.org

1 Region AGM - 15 March at the Police

Treatment Centre, Castlebrae, Auchterarder. The meeting commences 1000 hours - 0930 hours for tea/coffee. Buffet lunch will be provided. Contact: 1region@ipa-uk.org

Events TBC 2015

Section UK Rugby World Cup Social - 5

September. It is intended to hold a social event prior to a game. Further details to follow. Date and venue to be confirmed.

Section UK Seminar. Further details to follow.

Date and venue to be confirmed.

Section UK National Golf Tournament - date

and venue to be confirmed.

IPA Day - Member Day - 15 December

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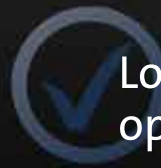


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